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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP

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1. CENTRAL PRESS APRIL 30 CARRIES A BRIEF TASS REPORT FROM ACCRA THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA "CONFIRMED" THE CANCELLATION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE "AMERICAN PRESS" IS SPECULATING THAT THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF "SOME KIND OF INFLUENCE" FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THE GHANAIAAN TIMES, THE REPORT CONTINUES, "REFBUFFED THESE MENDACIOUS ASSERTIONS," AND REITERATED GHANA'S POSITION THAT THE U.S. "NEVER HELPED THE NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENT (NLM) IN AFRICA," AND IS "NOT AT ALL INTERESTED IN THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM RACIST RULE." THE PRINCIPAL GOAL OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP, THE TIMES REPORTEDLY ADDED, IS "TO HINDER THE STRENGTHENING OF THE AUTHORITY IN AFRICA OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, WHO SYMPATHIZE WITH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HELP" THE NLM'S "FIGHTING AGAINST THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTH

AFRICA AND RHODESIA." THE TIMES ALLEGEDLY CONCLUDED THAT
"INDEPENDENT AFRICA" IS THANKFUL FOR THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
USSR AND CUBA, AND ASSERTED THAT U.S.POLICY "GAINED ONLY UNIVERSAL
CONDEMNATION BY AFRICAN SOCIETY."

2. TASS ENGLISH CARRIED THE REPORT APRIL 29.
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